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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following two documents were cited in an Official Letter recently issued by the German Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Official Letter is enclosed. An English-language translation of the Official Letter is also enclosed.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. 199 36 786. An English-language abstract of this document is attached.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. 197 19 466. An English-language abstract of this document is attached. A copy of corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,070,952 is also enclosed.

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It is noted that the Official Action issued by the German Patent Office also makes reference to German Offenlegungsschrift No. 43 21 571. This document corresponds to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 06-016117 cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 3, 2001. Thus, a copy of this document is not being provided.

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited for the first time in a communication from any foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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